

## Message Text

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O 081318Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5741  
INFO AMEMBASSY VALETTA IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL SEVILLE IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS CASC, GR (RALPHS, SUSAN)

REF: STATE 116296 AKD PREVVOUS

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY SCANDINAVIAN LINES THAT ROYAL VIKING SKY  
WILL LAND AT ICAKLION, CRETE, MAY 9 AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE  
AT PIRAEUS UNTIL MORNING OF MAY 10.

2. EMBASSY FURTHYR ADVISED BY DEPUTY HARBOR MASTER OF PIRAEUS THAT  
IF WE REQUEST INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECTS DISAPPEARANCE BY PORT POLICE  
AUTHORITIES, REQUEST MUST BE APPROVED BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE, AS IN-  
CIDENT DID NOT HAKE PLACE IN GREEK WATERS AND THERE IS APPARENTRY  
NO SUSPICION OF FOURL PLAY. HOWEVER, IF REQUEST COMES FROM CAPTAIN OF  
VESSEL OR FROM NORWEGIAN EMBASSY, INVESTIGATION CAN BE CONDUCTED  
WITHOUT ATTORNEY GENFRAL' AUTHORIZATION.

3. CONOFF SPOKE WITH NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR WHO INFORMS THAT NORWEGIAK  
LAWQREQUIRJDS HIMMTO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MTTER UPON ARRIVAL  
OF THE VESSEL IN PIRAEUS, AND HE HAS NO OBJECTION IF GRJEK  
AUTHORITIES DO THE SAME. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY IS SENDING SEPTTEL  
TO CAPTAUN OLSEN WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE: QUOTE: U.S. EMBASSY,  
ATHENS UNDERSTANDS NORWEGIAN EMBASSY WILL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION  
OF DISAPPEARANCE OF U.S. CITIZEN SUSAN RALPHS UPON YOUR ARRIVAL  
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PIRAEUS MAY 10. PLEASE BE ADVISE PIRAEUS PORT AUTHORITIES ALSO  
WILLING TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION PROVIDED YOU REQUEST IT. IF YOU  
WISH TO CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY FROM IRAKLION MAY 9, PLEASE CALL  
712-951 EXTENSIONS 427 OR 418 . UNQUOTE.

4. IF CAPTAIN DOES NOT WISH A LOCAL INVESTIGATION WHICH MIGHT  
DELAY DEPARTURE FOR ALEXANDRIA (SCHEDULED FOR 2300 MAY 10), EMBASSY

WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN RESULTS FROM NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR. EMBASSY WILL  
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ALSO REQUEST COPY OF RELEVANT ENTRIES FROM SHIP'S LOG.

5. DOES DEPARTMENT WISH EMBASSY TO APPROACH MINISTER OF JUSTICE RE AUTHO-  
THO-  
RIZATION TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION IN THE EVENT THE CAPTAIN DOES NOT  
WISH TO MAKE REQUEST OF PORT AUTHORITIES?  
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